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SUBJECT: MOBUTU, MICOMBERO, HABYALIMANA MEETING AT GOMA

1. RWANDA RADIO REPORTS JULY 18 MEETING AT GOMA
OF PRESIDENTS ZAIRE, BURUNDI AND RWANDA AND
ISSUANCE OF JOINT TRIPARTITE COMMUNIQUE WITH
FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS:

A. BECAUSE OF ORIENTATION TOWARD PEACE OF RWANDA'S
NEW REGIME, BURUNDI AGREED WITHDRAW ITS COMPLAINT
IN OAU AGAINST RWANDA. THIS DECISION COMMUNICATED
TO OAU SECGEN EKANGAKI WHO HAD COME TO GOMA FROM
BUJUMBURA.

B. AGREEMENT TO RESUME TRIPARTITE TALKS AMONG
THE THREE COUNTRIES, WITH NEXT MEETING OF
PRESIDENTS TO BE HELD IN BUJUMBURA, BEFORE END
OF YEAR.

C. BURUNDI-TANZANIA PROBLEM WAS DISCUSSED.
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TANZANIA JULY 21.

2. IN INTERVIEW GIVEN TO ZAIRE REPORTER AND CARRIED OVER RADIO RWANDA, GENERAL HABYALIMANA CREDITED SAYING THERE WAS PLAN TO ASSASSINATE CERTAIN RWANDA OFFICIALS OF WHICH HE WAS PROBABLY FIRST. HE ONLY BECAME AWARE OF EXTENT OF DANGER AFTER HE WAS SUMMONED TO KAYIBANDA'S HOUSE ON NIGHT OF JULY 4-5. HIS DECISION TO TAKE OVER WAS MADE TO STOP FRATRICIDE AND TO OVERCOME PSYCHOSIS OF DIVISION THAT HAD RECENTLY AFFLICTED RWANDA. IN CONTRAST TO PREVIOUS REGIME WHICH HAD BEEN PREOCCUPIED WITH INTERNAL POLITICS AND HAD IGNORED EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, HIS GOVERNMENT WAS DETERMINED TO OPEN UP RWANDA TO OUTSIDE WORLD. THAT IS WHY MESSAGES AND SPECIAL MISSIONS SO QUICKLY DISPATCHED TO SEVERAL AFRICAN AND WORLD CAPITALS. ON RELATIONS WITH BURUNDI HE NOTED COMMON WILL TO CONCENTRATE ON FACTORS UNITING TWO COUNTRIES RATHER THAN WHAT DIVIDES THEM.
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